Expansion of Hindustan Electro-Graphites Limited

1230. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have allowed Hindustan Electro Graphites Limited to expand its capacity; and

(b) if so to What extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and '(b) M|s. Hindustan Electro Graphites Limited had a registered cap'acity of 10,000 tonnes per annum for the manufacture of Graphite Electrodes and Annodes. The company had applied for enhancement of capacity on account of modernisation by 49 per cent °f the registered capacity. Endorsement was made by the Government on 11-7-1986. However, this has been challenged in the Delhi High Court.

Indo-Swedish collaboration

1231. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be plea sed to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal for Indo-Swedish collaboration in the fields of tele-communications, transport and *space* research; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF- STATE IN THE* DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) In the recently concluded Seventh Session of the Indo-Swedish Joint Commission, *inter-alia,* possibilities of (furthering bilateral cooperation in ths fields of telecommunications, space technology and transportation technology were discussed. The areas identified for possible cooperation are export °f capacitor, collaboration in the field of cellular radio systems, remote sensing, mutual data reception and research and development in the sphere of transportation technology. The concerned organisation of the two countries will further discuss to concretise the proposals.

Drilling' operations in Andhra Pradesh ,

1232. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the locations in Andhra Pradesh where the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has planned to undertake drilling operations in the near future;

(b) the locations at which oil and gas has already been struck in Andhra Pradesh and estimated quantity of oil and gas there; and

(c) the steps taken to put this gas and oil to commercial exploitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) ONGC propose to drill the following locations in Andhra Pradesh by the end *ot* 1986-87;—

1. Surasaniyanam
2. Vetlapalom
3. Vadali
4. Razole-C
5. Komagudem
6. Pallotikurru
7. Kaza-2
8. Tatipaka-2
9. Amlapuram-3
10. Chintalapalli-1
11. Razole-B
12. Kanukollu

(b) Oil and gas has been discovered at Kaikalur and gas alone at Razole, Narsapur, Bhimanap'alli, Kaza, Tatipaka. Recoverable reserves of gas as on 1-1-86 are estimated to be 223.5 million cubic metres; oil reserves have not been estima- ted so far.